

44 KANSAS BANKS ROBBED IN 1922

Holdup Men and Burglars
Reap Big Harvest
During Year

LOSSES PROTECTED

Insurance Adjustors Aid Of-
ficers in Seeking Violators
of Criminal Laws

Special to The World.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 20.—Forty-four Kansas banks were robbed, either by burglars or holdup men, between January 1 and December 2. The first two robberies of the year were committed January 31, when burglars entered the Valdes State bank and the Lafayette State bank.

According to the December number of the Kansas Bankers' association, all of the 44 banks robbed were "well covered by good insurance."

The Bankers publishes the following chronological summary of the 44 robberies:

January 31.—Valdes State bank; holdup.
February 1.—Lafayette State bank; burglary.
February 2.—Piedmont State bank; burglary.
February 21.—DeSmet State bank; burglary.
March 17.—Pawnee National bank; Kansas City, Kan.; burglary.
March 22.—Citizens State bank, Hugoton; burglary.
March 22.—First National bank, Hays, Kan.; burglary.
March 24.—State Bank, Hays, Kan.; burglary.
April 7.—Farmers State bank, Wheeler; holdup.
April 27.—Farmers & Merchants State bank, Crestline, Kan.; burglary.
April 28.—Farmers State bank, day burglary.
May 1.—Farmers State bank, Mitchell; burglary.
June 9.—Western State bank, holdup.
June 16.—McPherson & Citizens State bank; holdup.
June 16.—Kearney State bank; holdup.
June 19.—Quindaro State bank, Kansas City, Kan.; holdup.
June 19.—Pine State bank; holdup.
June 21.—Valley State bank, day burglary.
June 21.—First National bank, Fowler; burglary.
June 21.—Winona State bank; burglary.
June 21.—First National bank, Dighton; burglary.
July 2.—Webster State bank; burglary.
July 3.—Farmers State bank, Necohe; burglary.
July 17.—Farmers State bank, Lamont; burglary.
August 16.—Central State bank, Cedar; burglary.
August 18.—Vernon State bank; burglary.
August 21.—Farmers State bank, Voder; burglary.
August 26.—Ada State bank; burglary.
September 1.—Farmers State bank, Ash Grove; burglary.
September 6.—State Bank of Clayton; burglary.
September 7.—Farmers State bank, Long Island; burglary.
September 18.—Farmers State bank, Holland; burglary.
September 21.—Packers State bank, Kansas City; holdup.
September 26.—Nevada State bank; burglary.
October 2.—Havana State bank; burglary.
October 16.—Pleasant State bank; burglary.
October 29.—Manchester State bank; burglary.
November 9.—Valdes State bank; holdup.
November 11.—Central State bank, Kansas City; exterior holdup.
November 21.—State Bank of Milford; burglary.
November 22.—State Bank of Scottsbluff; burglary.
November 24.—Bendona State bank; burglary.
December 2.—Reading State bank; burglary.
December 2.—Towanda State bank; day-light holdup.

OIL HURTS COAL MEN

Transformation of Engines to Fuel
Oil Burning Is Blamed.

By the Associated Press State Wire.
M'ALESTER, Dec. 20.—Oklahoma miners are to suffer the loss of 18,000 tons output a month from the Henryetta field and an estimated loss of \$750,000 a year in miners' wages by reason of the adoption of fuel oil and installation of oil burners by the Cotton Belt railroad in Texas. That line has announced an expenditure of several million dollars in the coming year's budget, among which will be funds for equipment of 119 locomotives for oil.

According to officials of the McAlister Fuel company this loss is one of the heaviest yet faced by Oklahoma operators. Uncertainty of coal production is one of the reasons attributed and it is rumored that the Rock Island, which has contracted for five superbuilt oil burning locomotives for Oklahoma and may follow the Cotton Belt into the oil burners columns by converting its engines into fuel oil machines.

GAS BURNS ARE FATAL

Orphan Boy Fatally Burned While
Playing Before Burning Grate.

Special to The World.
PICKETT, Dec. 20.—Burns received by Willard Bennett, 8-year-old son of Fred Bennett of Pickett, while playing before a gas stove, proved fatal despite a heroic fight the lad had made for a week. His bravery during the treatment of his burns and subsequent amputation of one of his legs endeared him greatly to the hospital staff at Pickett. He was buried today at Baxter Springs, Kan. His mother is dead.

Christmas Gifts

Reading Glasses
Opera Glasses
Fancy Cases
Lorgnettes

HANNIS
OPTICAL CO.

311 South Boston

Nonpartisan Election of Judges To Supreme Court of Oklahoma Proposed by Leading Attorneys

By the Associated Press State Wire.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 20.—Proposed to alter procedure in the Oklahoma supreme court in order to remedy objection and lay the basis for keeping the court docket clear in the future, and the election of supreme court justices on non-partisan ballots to be submitted to the voters of the state by a special committee of their body when the state bar association convenes in annual session here December 27 and 28.

This was announced as the probable legislative program of the association of R. H. Owen, chairman of the committee and J. A. Duff, president of the association.

As a measure of immediate relief, it was announced, in consideration that the supreme court is said to be three years behind its docket, one recommendation will be the re-establishment of the supreme court commission of nine members which would divide cases at bar, prepare opinions and submit them to the court for review.

Such a commission, it was said, was formed immediately after statehood, but was later disbanded. It is planned that the commission would be appointed to sit for three years and then pass out of existence.

As a measure of permanent relief to the court it is to be proposed by the committee that a preliminary hearing on the probability of error should be held before the court is required to go into the merits of cases involving more than \$200 exclusive of costs and interest. A hearing showing error would be necessary before an appeal could be filed, Judge Owen explained. Judge Owen said that a constitutional amendment would be necessary to provide for a nonpartisan election of justices to the supreme bench. He pointed out that such a proceeding would take the supreme court out of politics and cause justices to be elected on account of fitness, without regard to party affiliation.

Make Farmers Feed Themselves Is Aim Of Arkansas Bankers

Special to The World.

MEMPHIS, Ark., Dec. 20.—A committee of the Arkansas Bankers' association recently completed statistics regarding Arkansas farming and the result, shown through superficially and imperfectly the soil of the bean state is cultivated. The figures on Polk county are in line with others throughout the state and are highly creditable to the farmers of nearly every locality. The plan is to educate Arkansas farmers on how to feed themselves.

There are 2,272 farms in Polk county and the following summary indicates the laxity of those cultivating the soil at least in the matter of diversification of crops which is vital in any farming community:

242 raised no corn.
1,655 raised no oats.
213 had no eggs or chickens.
474 had no dairy cows.
393 made no butter.
1,202 did not raise a pig.
753 slaughtered no hogs.
2,109 slaughtered no beef.
552 did not raise a calf.
1,521 raised no sweet potatoes.
773 raised no Irish potatoes.
1,672 grew no cane for syrup.
629 raised no fruit.
2,069 raised no berries.

GAS SUPPLY IS PLENTIFUL

Claremore Consumers Are Fulfilled
Fuel by Oklahoma Natural.

Special to The World.
CLAREMORE, Dec. 20.—For the first time in a number of years the gas pressure in Claremore is ample for all needs. The Oklahoma Natural Gas company serves this city and in winter past the pressure has been so low that it was well nigh impossible to cook food and keep warm. This winter it is different. There is plenty of pressure for all purposes and J. A. Gashberry, local manager of the gas company, gives assurances that this condition will continue.

40 Given Freedom.

M'ALESTER, Dec. 20.—Forty prisoners in the state penitentiary were released today on expiration of terms. The men are all said to be serving short terms, only two having as long as ten-year sentences and according to prison officials are inmates whose time would expire during January or early in February.

Fine for the Kiddies

Growing youngsters need plenty of sweets, but be sure their candy is wholesome and pure. That's easy. Just let them have a taste of Chocolate Soldier Chocolates and they'll never want anything else.

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Give the youngsters—and the rest of the family—a real treat today. You'll find Chocolate Soldier Chocolates at all good drug and grocery stores.

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CANDY

TO TIE UP ESTATE

Arkansas Woman Claims to Be Blood
Child of Joseph Alexander, Who
Left Much Property.

By the Associated Press State Wire.
MUSKOGEE, Dec. 20.—A suit against the estate of the late Joseph Alexander of Muskogee, Okla., opposite Fort Smith, Ark., involving approximately a half million dollars' worth of farm property, was filed in the federal district court today by Audie Dunlap of Fort Smith on behalf of Ida Georgiana Roenig, who says she is the daughter of Alexander, long regarded as a bachelor. The petition asserts that Mrs. Dunlap is the mother of the child and says the girl was born in St. Louis Mo., November 13, 1920. The Dunlap woman states she was Alexander's common law wife.

The suit claims heirship to \$5 large tracts of land in Sequoyah county, Oklahoma, 22 residences and business lots at Muskogee, several business buildings and a cotton gin in that village.

That Alexander placed the Dunlap woman in a maternity hospital in St. Louis prior to the birth of the child and paid all medical claims after the child's birth is stated in the petition. Alexander also promised to care for the mother and child, the petition states.

Alexander died about a year ago, leaving an estate valued in excess of a million dollars, it is said. He owned farm lands throughout the Arkansas river valley from Fort Gibson, Okla., to Fort Smith, Ark.; farms in Texas and Louisiana and rice plantations at Stuttgart. About a year before his death he told a sensational story of being kidnapped in St. Louis and held a prisoner in a barn until he signed a check on a Fort Smith bank for \$25,000. Following his release, Alexander appeared at the city hall in St. Louis, barefoot to relate his story. He sent word to the Fort Smith bank in time to prevent the check from being cashed. Alexander's story was made in the case, including his plantation manager at Muskogee, but the cases were never prosecuted.

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RESTRAIN WESTERN UNION

Corporation Commission Rules That
It Must Serve Short Road.

By the Associated Press State Wire.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 20.—The Western Union Telegraph company was restrained from discontinuing service at stations along the east Oklahoma line of the Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf railway in the operation of the road by an order of the state corporation commission today. On a showing of the telegraph company that it feared loss of money through nonpayment of its bills by the railroad the commission ordered that the company may, through the commission, demand an indemnity bond insuring such payment.

The telegraph company claims it suffers an annual loss of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 on account of its service to the railroad.

Nearly Bleeds to Death.

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CANEY, Kan., Dec. 20.—J. C. Brown, proprietor of a local restaurant, became dizzy and fell over a chair in his place of business. Hitting his head on the mophboard, he severed an artery, and nearly bled to death before a physician could be summoned.

Police Puzzled

On How to Find
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WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 20.—S. W. Zickelous, chief of detectives, experienced yesterday afternoon the thrill that comes once in a life time. He was asked by an anxious husband from Hominy, Okla., to find his runaway wife. The husband said she could be identified by a scar that came as a result of an operation for appendicitis several months ago. Aside from the statement that she had bobbed her hair, that was the only description given by the husband.

Mrs. K. E. Spurgeon is the woman wanted. She is described as very pretty, 18 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weight about 145 pounds. She has gray eyes and brown hair. She left Hominy on December 13 and came to Wichita. Mr. Spurgeon said.

Chief Zickelous was plainly puzzled as to how to identify the woman should she be apprehended. The case was assigned to Charlie Galloway, detective.

RETURNS HOME TO DIE

Former Missouri Sheriff Takes His
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POLAR BLUFF, Mo., Dec. 20.—After a 29-year absence from his home, his wife and children, James Evans, one time sheriff of Stoddard county, who lived near Bloomfield, returned home a few days ago to die. He was brought home after he telegraphed his wife his whereabouts from Texas. He did not say a word, neither was a question asked by his wife or children why he left or where he had been. He died taking with him the silence in which 29 years of his past life were shrouded.

Gas Victim Accepts Settlement.

MIAMI, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Lena Chaney, victim of a gas explosion at her home near Commerce in December, 1919, who sued the Consumers Gas company for \$45,000, accepted a cash settlement of \$5,000, according to judgment filed with the district court. The agreement was made out of court pending an appeal of a judgment for \$10,000.

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Last Quarterly Payment of \$3,400
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PAWBUKA, Dec. 20.—The last quarterly payment to the Osage Indians began here Monday. Payment to the Indians living near Hominy will be made there Tuesday and the Fairfax and Grayhorse Indians will receive their quota at Grayhorse Wednesday. The full amount given out to competent Indians at this payment is \$3,400 bringing the total for the year to \$11,700. Incompetents will receive \$1,000; Indians have assembled here from all parts of the country. The payments are quiet however the majority of the Indians getting their checks through the mail while many get them direct at the agency. The lease sale for January 18 is the first one scheduled for 1923. At this sale there will be 34,000 acres of land offered, mostly in production territory.

EXPECT SCHOOL TO LIVE

Patrons of Mining District College
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Phone Line From Dam To Tulsa Being Built

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VINITA, Dec. 20.—Emmons Brothers of this city, who were awarded the contract for building the tele-

phone line from Spavinaw to Tulsa along the water line to be constructed between those places have recently secured the contract for wiring the million dollar plant of the Look Joint Pipe company of Ampro, N. J., which is being built to supply the pipe for the water mains of the Tulsa water project.

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